

VALLEY VOICE

DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS HOME



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Washington Crossing Chapter, NSDAR, Yardley, Pennsylvania spent the day with our ladies crafting fall art work.





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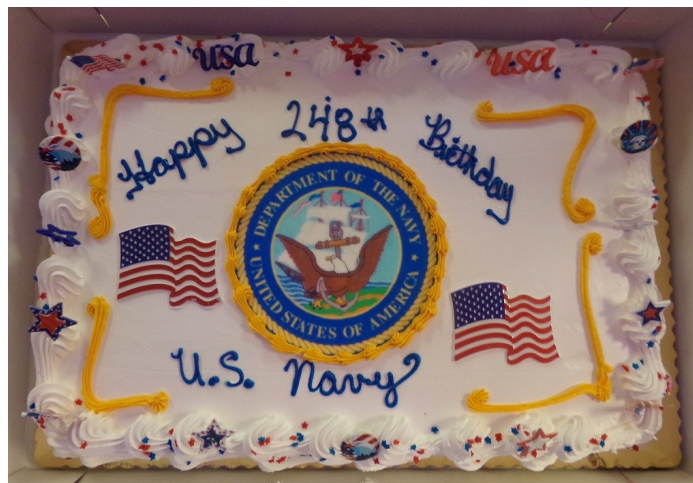
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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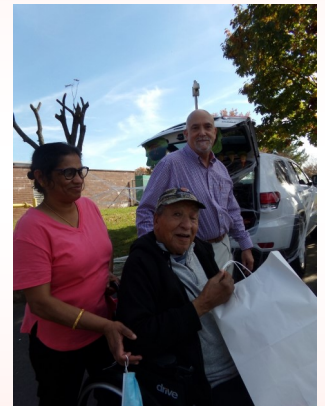
BIRTHDAY



TRUNK or TREAT



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Happy Halloween





American Indian Code Talkers

The idea of utilizing Americans who were both fluent in both their traditional language and in English to send secret messages in battle was first put to test in World War I with the Choctaw Telephone Squad and other Native communications experts and messengers.

A code talker was a person employed by the military during wartime to use a little-known language as a means of secret communication. The term is most often used for United States service members during the World Wars who used their knowledge of Native American Indian languages as a basis to transmit coded messages. In particular, there were approximately 400 to 509 Native Americans in the United States Marines Corps whose primary job was to transmit secret tactical messages. Code Talkers transmitted messages over military telephone or radio communications nets using formally or informally developed codes built upon their Indigenous languages. The code Talkers improved the speed of encryption and decryption of communications in front line operations during World War II and are credited with several decisive victories. Their code was never broken.

The Navajo Code Talkers received no recognition until 1968 when their operation was de-classified. In 1982, the code Talkers were given a Certificate of Recognition by US President Ronald Reagan, who also named August 14, 1982 as Navajo Code Talkers Day.

To discover more fascinating details about the Native American Indian Code Talkers visit: [Wikipedia: Code Talker](#) and article "American Indian Code Talkers" also see the movie: "Windtalkers" (however highly criticized).

This article was created from formatted submissions from Code Talkers: [Wikipedia](#) & article: [American Indian Code Talkers](#).

Derrick Jones

DVVH Activity Department





Libra (September 24 – October 22)

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 6, 1949 - "Tokyo Rose" (Iva Toguri d'Aquino) was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 for treason. She had broadcast music and Japanese propaganda to American troops in the Pacific during World War II. She was pardoned by President Gerald Ford in 1977.

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 16, 1978 - Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland was elected Pope. He was the first non-Italian Pope chosen in 456 years and took the name John Paul II.

October 21, 1917 - Jazz great Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993) was born in Cheraw, South Carolina (as John Birks Gillespie). He was a trumpet player, composer, band leader and one of the founding fathers of modern jazz, known for his trademark puffed cheeks and bent trumpet.

October 22, 1962 - President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Russian missiles in Cuba. The President demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Russians announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the U.S. later removed missiles from Turkey.

October 23, 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

October 31, 1941 - Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60-foot-tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt - representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion and conservation.

~ October Birth Stones ~

October has two birthstones: opal and tourmaline. Opal is the traditional birthstone for October. It is believed the stone was originally found in India, where it was given the name "upala," or "precious stone" in Sanskrit, according to the Geological Institute of America. Tourmaline is the modern birthstone for October. The gem comes in many different varieties, including pink, red, green, blue, violet and black

~ October Birth Flowers ~

The primary October birth flower is the marigold, and the secondary flower is the cosmos

Commandant's Corner



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The leaves have changed color and are dropping rapidly, Fall is in full action, and we will be seeing colder temperatures shortly. Let's enjoy this season change as we look forward to those first snowflakes. But until that time we will take every opportunity to get outside and enjoy the cooler weather.

During the month of October DVVH was still dealing with cases of COVID-19 identified in residents and staff. And we began the process of moving residents back to their original rooms as requested. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience during this process, this was not an easy undertaking, and we are doing our best to ensure all resident personal items are back where they belong.

We know everyone is looking to getting back to normal activities and we were able in the later part of October to resume group activities and outings such as Wal-Mart trips. We are looking forward to some big events coming up in November, the Philly mascot visit, the Veterans Day Parade, and before you know it Thanksgiving Dinner.

Congratulations and a special welcome to our new staff.

To all residents and staff, my door is always open for you.

Again, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work every day to make this facility the best.

Andrew

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New Members of DVVH Welcome Home

Melvin Walker – Army

Louis Fantacone – Navy

Kelley Daniel – Air Force / Army



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TAPS

Delaware Valley Veterans Home extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following Veterans who had recently passed away. Their presence will be greatly missed.

Patrick O'Neil – Army

Joseph Babij – Navy

Joseph Richardson – Army

Kenneth Hamm – Army

Leonard Leibert – Army



A **caisson** (US: / 'keɪsən /) is a two-wheeled cart designed to carry artillery ammunition; the British term is "ammunition wagon".

Caissons are also used to bear the casket of the deceased in some state and **military** funerals in certain Western cultures, including the United States.